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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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Mr. G. M. Bacon, State Engineer,
Capitol Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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My dear Mr. Bacon:

Mr. David G. Thompson, of the Geological Survey, is preparing a report on ground-water supplies in Malad Valley and Curlew Valley, Idaho. Both of these valleys are drained by streams that run southward into Utah. The Malad River is a tributary of Bear River. In Curlew Valley a stream known as Deep Creek or Curlew Creek runs southward but may not reach Great Salt Lake.

It is conceivable that if ground water for irrigation is developed in the Idaho portion of these valleys the flow of the streams might be affected, and accordingly the rights of water users downstream in Utah might be adversely affected. Therefore, in the preparation of Mr. Thompson's report information is desired in regard to established water rights on the portions of the streams mentioned in Utah. It is understood that in Utah water from Malad River is used by certain Indians in the vicinity of the town of Washakie. In Curlew Valley water from Deep Creek or Curlew Creek is used in Utah between the towns of Stone, Idaho, and Snowville, Utah, and possibly also below the latter town, but definite information as to the quantities of water involved is lacking.

I will appreciate it if you can send me a brief statement giving information in regard to any adjudicated water rights in these areas of which you may have records. It is not necessary that this statement give details of ownership, priority of rights, etc. Rather it is desired merely to have a statement as to the total quantity of water covered by adjudicated rights on each of the streams. Mr. Thompson wishes to use the information only to point out that sufficient water must be allowed to pass the Idaho-Utah boundary line to provide the water required by the existing rights.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Mendenhall

Acting Director.

